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Some of the Orientations '91 team: James Shorty, Lorry Eacrett, Russell Williams, Jim Rutkowski.

# Long hot summer for students

by Alisa Gordaneer

Provincial government summer employment subsidies may create jobs, but will not benefit university students in the long run.

Tbe Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology's Summer Employment Program will be available from July 1 to September 2 1991, a nine-week period. It will reimburse employers for one-third of a worker's hourly wage, to a maximum of $2.50 per hour.

However, "you have to have 560 hours to qualify for loan remission over the four-month period, or you have to do ten hours of volunteer work a week," said Rebecca Johnson, an unemployed UVic student.

The subsidy program provides a potential 360 hours of work.

Johnson said student unemployment is higher this year than in the past.

"I heard on the news that 40 per cent of students are unemployed."

Shannon Walker, an employee at the Canada Employment Centre for Students, said the number of jobs filled so far this summer is double last year's levels.

However, "we are hearing university students are having a lot of problems" she said.

Most of the jobs presently posted are in hospitality, restaurant and hotel service and sales, said Walker.

Wages for these types of jobs average between five and seven dollars an hour.

"Higher paying jobs were posted really early in the year," said Walker, adding her job was first posted last November.

"Students have to think ahead."

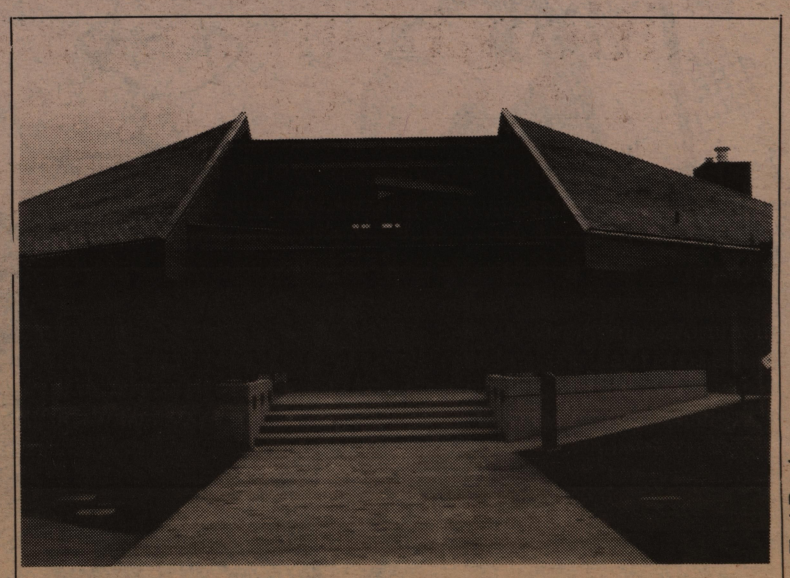
As well, she said "students are having trouble getting full time jobs. They're trying to incorporate two part time jobs."

According to the Greater Victoria Labour Market Review, the scarcity of summer jobs can be partially blamed on a decrease of tourism.

The lack of car ferry services between Victoria and Seattle, the Goods and Services Tax, and high cost of fuel and vacationing in Canada were amongst reasons given for this trend.

Johnson said the job market was tightening because "a lot more students seem to be sticking around for the summer ... and the recession is hitting hard.

"From my point of view, it's impossible to find a summer job" she said.



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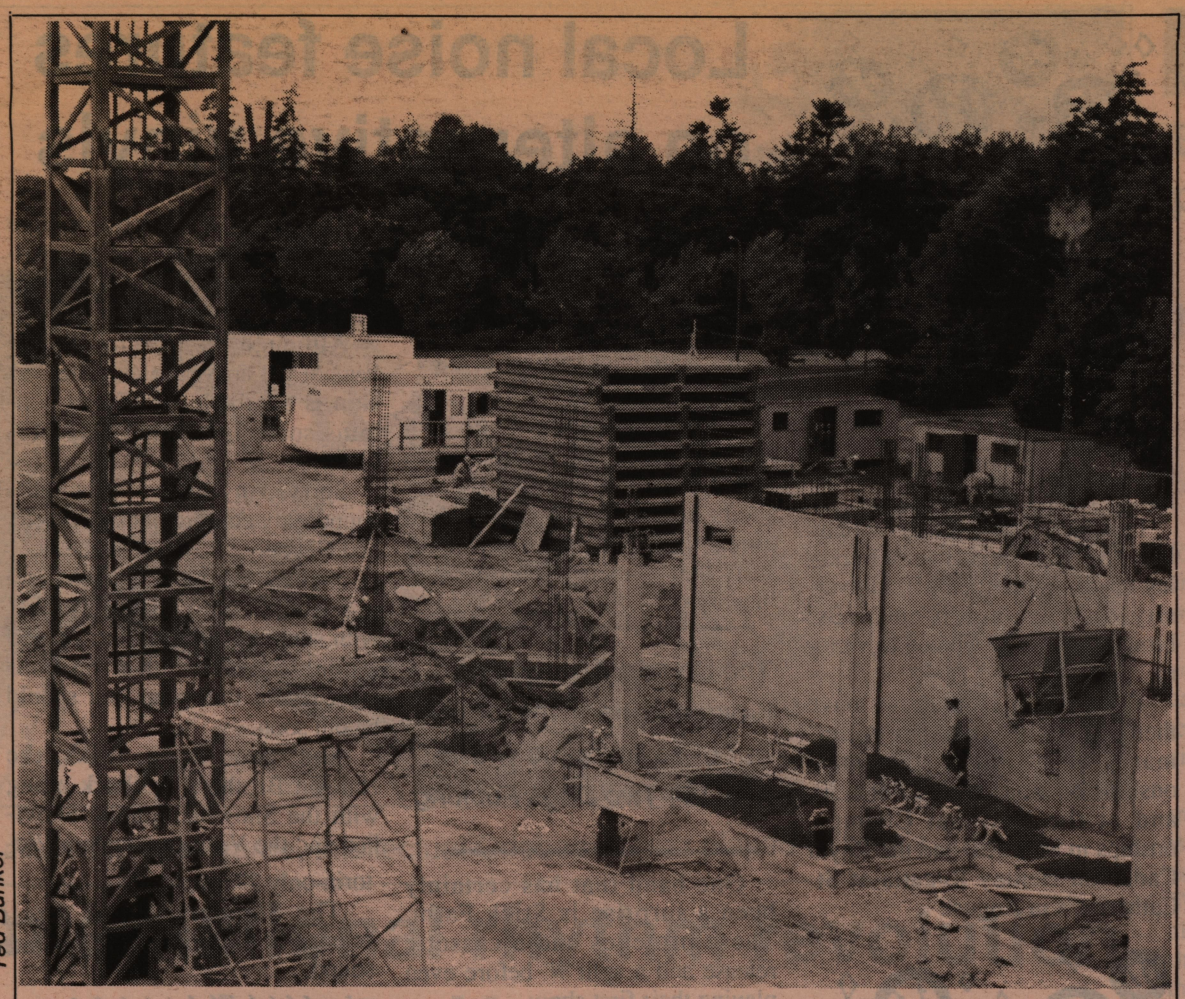

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Under construction–"Phase 3" of the MacLaurin building is one of the projects happening this summer.

# New telereg priorities frustrate students

by Tracee Johnson

Changes to the telephone registration system are causing frustration among senior students.

The University of Victoria made improvements to registration for the 1991-92 Winter session after consultation with members of the U Vic Students' Society, the university administration and B.C. Tel.

"UVic is interested in providing a registration system that is convenient, efficient and accessible and that meets the needs of the students." said Dr. Samuel Scully, UVic's Vice President Academic.

Hours during which students may register have been extended, and the registration system will now have 24 phone lines, 12 more than last year.

Hours are from noon to midnight on weekends and Mondays, and from 7 AM to midnight from Tuesday to Thursday. Fridays, the system is open 7 AM to 6 PM.

However, this year students are divided into eight categories, according to their year and grade point average. Previously this division was based solely on students' year of study.

High school Early Admission students, diploma students and those fourth and fifth year students with a grade point average of 7.0 (A-) or better register first, from June 18 - 20.

Fourth and fifth year students with a grade point average below 7.0 register from June 21 - 27.

Students in first, second and third year with a grade point average of 7.0 or higher register from June 28 - 30, but others with lower grade point averages register from July 4 - 18.

Students within each of these time slots are given registration times at random.

Many third and fourth year students are angry because they are competing with first and second year students for courses and for registration time.

"For those third year students who have been attending this institution full time this particular system treats them unfairly," said Dayna Christ, director, UVic Students' Society.

**The problem doesn't seem to lie with the telephone registration system, but the increased enrollment and lack of funding.**

For many third and fourth year students who have a major and a minor there is no room in their schedule to take alternate courses and still graduate on time.

"I have almost finished my third year with a B+ average...I have volunteered in the Environmental Studies course union and co-ordinated a recycling committee on campus this year.

"What this 'priority system' is telling me is that my contribution to the university community is worth less than a first year student's A- average," said Christ.

The problem, however, doesn't seem to lie with the telephone registration system, but with increased enrollment and lack of funding.

"Once again, the university is being forced to apply bandaid solutions to the government's policy of starving education of funds," said Jacquie Best, Director of Academics of the UVic Students' Society.

"If there were enough seats to accommodate all of the students, we wouldn't be seeing this kind of elitist policy introduced," she said.

Alisa Gordaneer

Rare tree-frog spotted smiling on the UVic campus

# Tuition to increase annually

by James Mackinnon

UVic students will face a tuition increase of approximately 30 per cent over the next three years.

The Board of Governors passed the proposal at their April 15 meeting with support from all but student representatives.

**The increase would bring Uvic up to the cost of other universities in B.C.**

A 9.26 per cent hike will affect the 1991-92 academic year. Subsequent increases of 4.5 per cent combined with the adjustment in Victoria'a consumer price index will add approximately 5.3 per cent.

Average tuition for 1991-92 will climb to $1770 per full time undergraduate student, the sixth highest rate in Canada.

UVic President Dr. David Strong said the increase would bring UVic up to the cost standards of other universities in the province.

If tuition was not raised, said Strong, "it would fully undermine our argument with the government.

"They would be saying 'How come the other two universities will raise their fees and you won't?'

"We really have no choice."

Board of Governors student representatives Diane Drummond and Maureen Headley disagreed.

"Students shouldn't be required to pick up the slack for the Province of British Columbia," said Drummond.

"This substantially takes the pressure off the provincial government to properly fund this university," said Headley.

Headley and Drummond questioned the legality of the three year plan.

Both pointed out the meeting was held late in the year, during exams, making it difficult for students to express their concerns.

"There was no public forum," said Jacquie Best, chair of academics of the UVic Students' Society.

"This essentially made it impossible for students to say what they felt about it," she said.

The meeting was attended by only a dozen students.

Strong said both the UVSS and Graduate Students' Society were invited to give presentations, and both responded.

"They seemed to be accepting the fact that an increase is neccessary," he said.

Best said that while former UVSS President Howard Jampolsky offered support for the hike, "the Board [of Directors] as a whole absolutely condemned it."

Best said the UVSS presentation addressed not only the tuition raise but employment, housing, and other student issues.

"It was a very frustrating experience," she said.

**"The fee increase will not prevent any student from attending Uvic" –Strong**

William Pfaffenberger, chair of the BoG finance committee, said the university cannot consider all student issues concurently.

"The university will not provide for more than educational costs.

"The university cannot put itself in the position of deferring social needs," he said.

A two per cent portion of the increase will be earmarked for student aid, equalling about $340,000.

This is an increase of 320 to 350 per cent over the previous aid budget. Student Aid estimates nearly 550 students will be helped by the funding.

"This allows us to make the statement that the fee increase will not prevent any student from attending UVic," said Strong.

"It's tripling the present budget," said Best, "but the present budget is so small.

"We've never had an adequate assessment of financial barriers," she said, adding that information available is too weak to base potentially restrictive increases on.

"The thing is to get a feel for how many people will be knocked away by a $100 increase," Pfaffenberger said.

"Maybe 55 per cent can afford an increase, but there must be a mechanism to deal with the other 45 per cent.

"It isn't an equal burden," he said.

The tuition hike will significantly increase the percentage of UVic's operating revenue paid for by students.

Best was alarmed by the trend.

"It's money that we need, but it's shifting the burden from public to private funds. Its a very unfair shift," she said.

"Students shouldn't have to pay for each others aid," she added.

Best said the UVSS asked the BoG to refuse to place the burden of education funding on students.

"The role of our administration is to take a stand and hold back on tuition ... not just follow along.

"I think the only way we'll get change is by making this sort of strong statement," she said.

Pfaffenberger said the BoG's first priority is the administration of the provincial grant, and that UVic's funding is so far behind other schools that such actions are impossible.

"The BoG makes its case every year ... there is more recognition of the problems now, but what they [provincial government] will do about it is unclear."

Pfaffenberger said the provincial grant will be unchanged this year, except for a 4.5 per cent cost of living increase and an existing credit from an access provision.

The provision increases the grant in proportion to the number of students enrolling at UVic.

However, he said the provision doesn't account for earlier years.

"We took on 25 per cent more students and were completely underfunded," he said.

Best said the UVSS will be educating students so the hikes won't be forgotten.

As well, the UVSS will be trying to make the situation a provincial election priority.

"Students have to take it to the political arena," Pfaffenberger agreed.

As well, he said students could expect support from the BoG in that context.

"If the case is made on a logical funding basis ... not just an overall buying into it because we feel sorry for students, my guess is the Board could support something like that."

Until then, no one anticipates a 30 per cent wage increase to sweep the student job market.

# Young rowers win, and set sights higher

by Tracy Nishimura

Young members from the junior varsity and novice rowing teams were left home to represent UVic for the summer, while the varsity rowers were competing in Indianapolis at the U.S. National Rowing Championships.

Performances by the less experienced athletes at the Victoria International Boatrace on June 22 and 23 proved there is more talent in the Uvic rowing program than just the varsity athletes.

**Ability to hang tough shows an improvement over earlier performances**

The women's team put on a particularly strong show, coming in first in the Women's sprints on June 22, and winning the 1850m race on June 23.

A fresh men's crew with Robyn Stevenson (coxswain), Norm Healey (stroke), Bob Tennant, Tony Healy, Gord Hughes, Will Dodds, Mike Shellnick, Kieran Holm and Duncan Ruth managed to catch and pass the University of California, Berkeley crew in the sprints on Saturday, June 22.

The crew, four of whom were novices, proved themselves in an exciting performance in the Inner Harbour.

An enthusiastic Victoria crowd gave their support.

The men's crew also managed to keep up with other competitors in the 1850 metre race at Elk Lake.

"We were quite happy," said Gord Hughes, one of Uvic's novices.

Will Dodds, a junior varsity rower in three seat, agreed. "We were able to stay with the pack," he said.

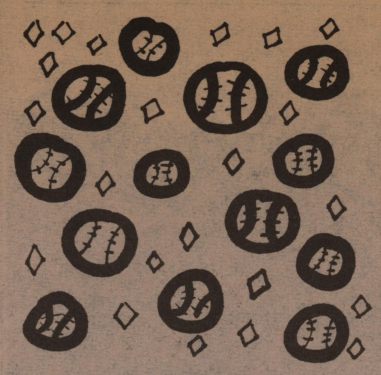
The inexperienced crew's ability to hang tough with experienced, highprofile crews from Harvard, Oxford and McGill University shows a big improvement over their early season performances.

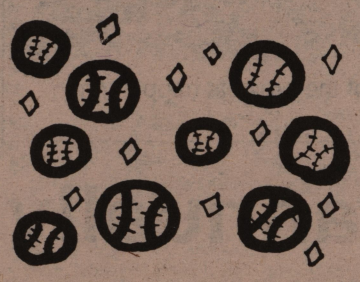
Lynneth Stuart-Hill as stroke, and Paula Hale and Meagan Andrews as the muscle in the stern were featured on the UVic women's crew.

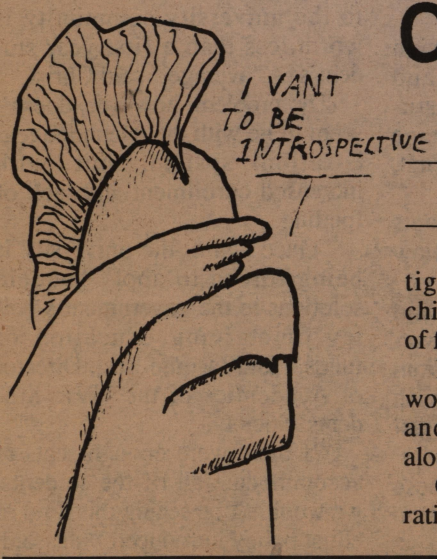
These women led a youthful crew to a convincing win in the sprints on Saturday, coming in first, with the University of Western Ontario in second and University of Washington in third.

Leading by almost five seconds in a five boat race against Berkeley (2nd), Western (3rd), University of Washington and UBC brought the UVic women to victory.

Both young Uvic crews have their sights set on a strong performance at the Alberta Championships on June 29 and June 30, and at the National Championships in Montreal and the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta at St. Catherine's in August.








# Colvin sings rich and folk-y tunes in July

by Lisa Langford

Shawn Colvin's voice stretches tight and evokes memories of childhood hurts and anticipation of future desires.

Her first album, *Steady On*, is a work patterned with strong tones and lyrics that merit reading aloud.

Colvin's name is cited as inspiration on the Indigo Girls' debut album, and their rich, folk-y lyrics and sound are a sunnier, quilt-and-herb-tea variation on Colvin's quieter introspective searchings.

Her songs run more along the lines of red wine and baths with past lovers.

CFUV is bringing Colvin and Richard Thompson to Harpo's July 22, where Colvin will open the show. For more information, call Harpo's at 385-5333.

# Local noise features on alternative vinyls

by P. Shreedom

In the bowels of the Victoria underground, the "music scene" awaits a summer festival of alternative noise.

As a new season of fun approaches for the whole family, this is a great time to examine the seeds of our harvest. Here's a quick list of some of the local stuff that's been released since January.

**The Dayglo Abortions have marched victoriously out of courtrooms with a new LP, *Two Dogs Fucking***

One band that has certainly been a surprise is Stick Farm. These proteges had a cassette release and a split 7" before even playing their first show.

Their music is powerful and complex — kind of a "hey we're punk but we'll play anything" sort of band.

A quick note on the now defunct Onionhouse: before their demise they popped out a 7" that's tighter than a tourniquet.

The Clusterfux's sound is raw and heaps of fun. They've released their first cassette which is, perhaps, less metal and more hardcore than one might expect judging from their gigs.

An all-round favourite release so far comes from Pigment Vehicle. The long wait for their Let the Squids Fly Free cassette was definitely worth while.

Their music is all-out insanity; they're certainly one of the most complex rock 'n' roll bands around that's not completely instrumental.

The Dayglo Abortions have marched victoriously out of courtrooms with a new LP, *Two Dogs Fucking*.

Although the official release has not yet arrived, a cassette version is available locally. It contains some inevitable Day-glos classics.

Sorry, vinyl-lovers, this one's supposedly coming out on cassette and CD only.

Nomeansno have remixed and re-released their You Kill Me E.P. with some all-time favourites, and a double live album from their most recent European tour should be out soon.

And, good news, folks, the Hanson Brothers are back along with the Showbiz Giants, Shovlhed and the Vinaigrettes on a Victoria-only 7" record.

The Showbiz Giants latest release is blessed with first-rate sound.

With some changes to their lineup, Drone have wasted no time in pumping out their first vinyl release. It's simple yet good industrial punk.

A recent release, Shutdown's self-titled 7" is now at large and terrorizing the city.

Each and every one of the above releases is worth buying. Support your local scene and have a great summer.

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Sharan Dhaliwal

Justine: avante-garde, intellectual Quebecois jazz played Felicita's June 24.

# International rhythm revolution bouncing to University Centre

by Alisa Smith

Summer rhythms will be hot hot hot when the University Centre Auditorium hosts an international array of acclaimed musical performers on July 24-27, who were all selected from the Vancouver Folk Festival.

With acts from Czechoslovakia, Nicaragua, South Africa, and our home and native land, expect at least a little socio-cultural significance.

**Unbroken Spirit went gold in South Africa even though it was never allowed on radio or television.**

Lillian Allen opens the extravaganza with her Toronto based dub poetry, a rhythmically infused collection of words accompanied by a totally danceable reggae sound.

"No change without struggle/No one in power ain't giving up nothing/... A woman's work is not recognized/[especially] If she be black," proclaims Allen in her song "Why Do We Have to Fight." This is a message you can dance to. She talks revolution and you can't help but listen.

Her talent has not gone unrecognized; Allen has won two Junos for best reggae/calypso album.

Also on this evening are Diana Braithwaite, a multi-talented blues singer who throws in a bit of calypso, soca, gospel, balladeering, and politicism, and Four the Moment, a female a capella group from Nova Scotia.

Blues are the primary ingredient in Four the Moment's empowering, energizing, eye-opening style.

All in one night? That was Canada. Now for Nicaragua. Don't put your dancing shoes away, it's Soul Vibrations on Thursday night with some groovin' roots reggae.

Flores, the bassist/co-lyricist of this eight piece band says, "The revolution is for the people; it's not only for the political party."

The brother and sister duo Guardabarranco will open with their Latin American acoustic folk. Their name refers to Nicaragua's national bird, whose song "is both beautiful and strange," says bro Salvador Cardenal.

Czechoslovakia brings us Vladimir Merta, one of the "Magnificent Seven," a group of musicians who helped to prepare the "velvet revolution."

He's been playing his folk songs of protest for 20 years and has been widely listened to, but it was all under the table until 1989 because of government bans.

Opening for Merta is Iva Bittova (vocals/violin) and Pavel Fajt (percussion). Bringing together eastern European folk sounds with avant-garde and improv is Bittova's "voice like the violin and her violin like the human voice."

Mzwakhe first began performing at "subversive" political meetings as a youth. His large followings led to continual harrassments from the police, and only recently has he been allowed a short term visa to leave South Africa and spread his message.

His band's second album, Unbroken Spirit went gold in South Africa even though it was never allowed on radio or television.

Tickets for Summer Rhythms are available at the Hillside or MacPherson Box Office, and the SUB General Office. Student prices are 13 bucks a show or 40 bucks for the whole darn thing.

# HILT

## Eclectic musical ponies ride on

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by Andrew Mori

*HILT: Orange Pony Nettwerk Productions 1991.*

Look, I don't know who the four guys who make up the band are, where they're from, or even why they make music.

What I do know is the Vancouver-based Hilt's members are called Cevin Key, Dwayne Goettel, Al Nelson and Dave Ogilvie, and this is their second release.

From the rather eclectic, electronic music on Hilt's record, this is a band that seems to try and go out of its way to defy description. The risks in doing this are that the album seems to lack a unifying theme or sound. Thematically, they jump all over the place, and this collection contains only four songs.

The songs range in time from eleven minutes to three minutes something. The styles range just as far and wide.

"Orange Pony" is reminiscent of the Stone Roses' "Fools Gold" and other Manchester sound dance bands. Wah-wah guitars and trippy lyrics are put to good use.

Track two, "Green Love", starts off with a sample of the end scream of James Brown's "I Feel Good". I guess this is a gesture to the rampant sampling of the King of Soul's work. HA!

"Yellow Sunshine" is the marathon track. It is more akin to a Pink Floyd era of trippiness with a languid tone. It's a hangover noisescape after the first two beat-driven tracks, like something that might go through your head just before you open your eyes the morning after.

"White Stuff", however, is far from languid. Not placid. Not harmonious. Hell, this ain't no Mozart symphony. Skinny Puppy meets thrash metal in this soup of white noise discordia. It sounds like between stations of radio angst. It sounds like someone left the blender on while the cat got sucked into the vaccuum cleaner.

But hey! Four styles for the price of one! You may like only one track, or all four. You may like the eclecticism or you may crave a unified musical vision. But if you are a listener who craves a challenging soundscape, Hilt is worth your while.


Highlights of the Vancouver Folk Festival

"music all over the map"

SUMMER RHYTHMS

July 24-27 University Centre Auditorium University of Victoria Campus

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**Lillian Allen, Diana Braithwaite, Four the Moment**
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Thurs. July 25
**Soul Vibrations & Duo Guardabarranco**
(Nicaragua)

Fri. July 26
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(Czechoslovakia)

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# EDITORIAL

## 'Whether' report:

Continued unsettled conditions resembling climate patterns of the last couple of months will continue their grip on the province.

Weather report? Nah.

It's the provincial political climate that seems, even in the lazy days of summer, to heat up to an annoying rash.

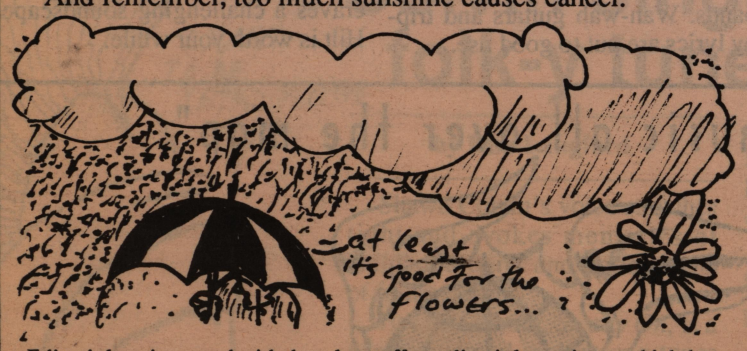
Watch the cloudstorms form towards the end of the summer as a high-pressure Johnston front will clash violently with a rather low-pressure Couvelier front. Expect loud, thunderous noises following long bouts of hot windy air as these major fronts continue to push aside smaller, Claudey weather.

Continuing dense fog will still hang around the Greater Harcourt region, where political visibility will hover around zero. Do not expect this system to disappear quickly. It has moved slowly, yet decidedly, towards the centre of the political landscape, but its fringes are dissipating.

The chances for a returning Hurricane Zalm are well below a statistically significant percentage. A small craft warning is still in effect for the Strait of One-to Fuck-Up as the cyclone has been downgraded to a less-than-topical storm. Best to forget that this system ever existed, even though the damage is still evident.

National climactic conditions suggest patterns are Reforming in the west while a Bloc system is separating to the East. Some of these general forecasts have filtered down to the local level. The general populace has no shortage of complaints about the climate but offers little in the way of climactic improvement (see the Spicer theory on volatility). Local prognosticators suggest that the greenhouse effect may be more disastrous if it happens in a theme garden.

And remember, too much sunshine causes cancer.

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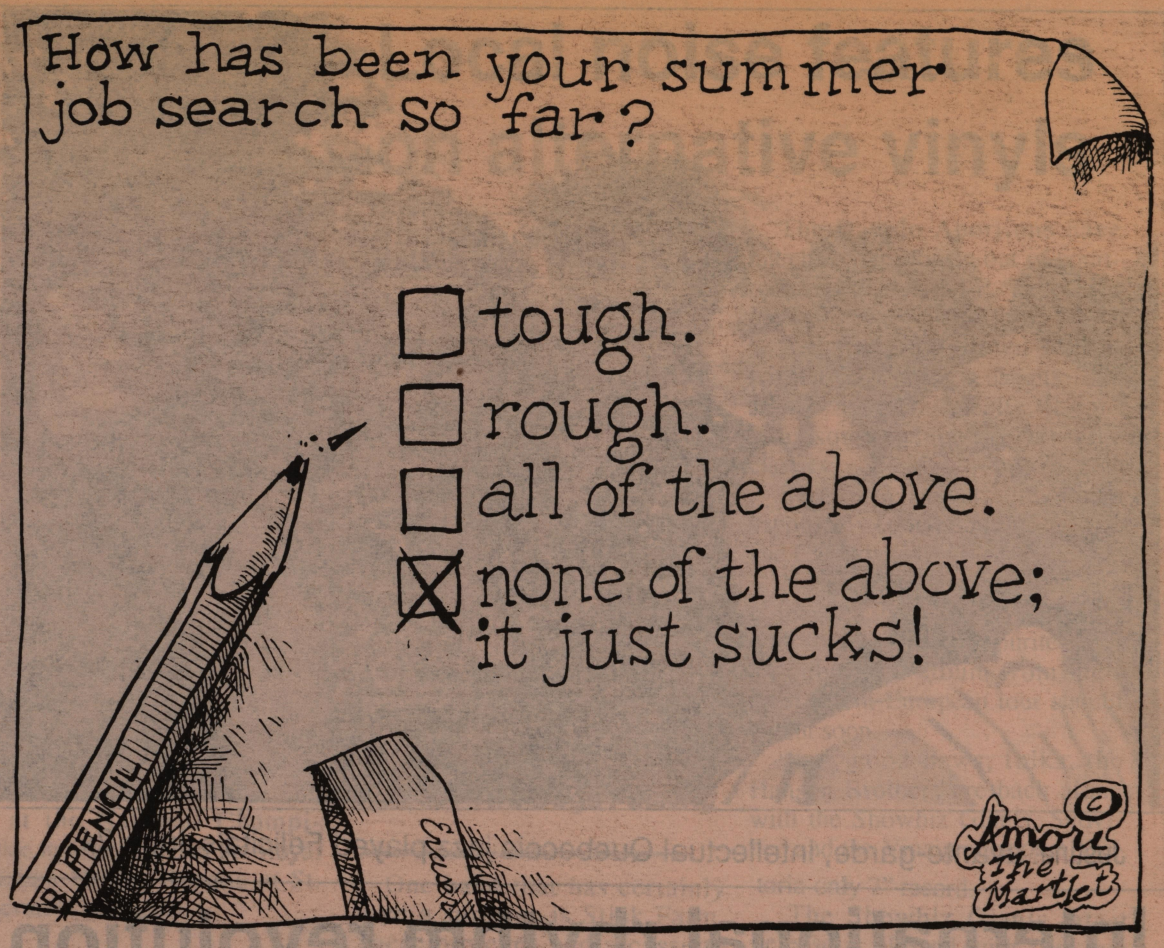


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### Disabled students' issues addressed

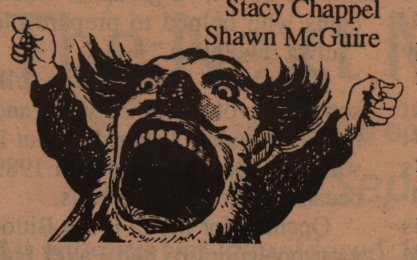
Editors:

The Vancouver Island Public Research Interest Group (VIPIRG) has formed a new committee; one that will be addressing disabled students' issues on campus. The committee which will meet during the summer session, plans to research and write a pamphlet for distribution to all UVic professors by the end of August. The aim of the pamphlet is to raise professors' awareness of the difficulties that disabled students' face in the classroom, and to suggest solutions to these problems.

Everyone is welcome to join the committee, or help with the project. You can participate by attending meetings every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the SUB Upper Lounge, or you can bring us any ideas or suggestions about what our pamphlet should include.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Stacy Chappel at the VIPIRG office Room 144 in the SUB, or call 721-8629.

Stacy Chappel
Shawn McGuire



### Support falls short

Editors:

There is a problem within the Theatre Department, that I fear may pervade other departments: instructors are not taking projects organized by students seriously, even those which are given official approval.

I have a Directed Studies project approved by the Theatre Department to make a short film with my own production company. Once work began, I found the people who were crucial to the approval process distanced themselves from the project. This was met with almost disastrous result. The extra work necessary to finish the production was enormous, and in every way redundant. If the instructors who originally helped the program had continued their support, everything would have been much simpler, more efficient, and a much better learning environment.

This problem might be exclusive to the Theatre Department. If so it is something they should be aware of, but if this problem is farther reaching I hope students can somehow put a stop to instructors' empty talk and get action and results.

William Azaroff

### No mandate for arms

Editors:

Michael Wilson's proposal to sell Canadian-made automatic weapons on the international market demonstrates the hypocrisy and irresponsibility of our Tory government. While Mr. Wilson refers to the weapons trade as "correcting an anomaly", the move undermines any Canadian contribution towards international arms control, "Third World" development and security, and internal gun control. This move is an attempt by the federal government to promote profit over prospects for international arms reduction and human safety. It is ironic the Tories would suggest such a proposal after speaking of reducing accessibility to automatic weapons after fourteen women were murdered in Montreal in 1989. It is probable that 40-50 million people have died due to all the wars that have taken place since 1945–primarily the result of "defensive" weapons. (Dunnigan, Dirty Little Secrets, 1990) Justifying trading these weapons for "defensive" purposes is the real anomaly.

The expansion of Canadian arms sales conflicts with the will of the majority of Canadians and is, therefore, politically erroneous. Economically speaking, the international arms trade is a highly competitive industry due to many nations which lack the moral commitment to refrain from it. Perhaps Canada should stick to producing and selling that which we do most effectively, and proudly. Instead of becoming competitive in arms, we should diversify into areas of industry and manufacturing for civilian and peaceful human purposes. The direction which Mr. Wilson, Mr. Mulroney, and the federal government are taking this country is truly frightening. If an election were called the Conservatives would not receive a mandate to continue to disassembling the country.

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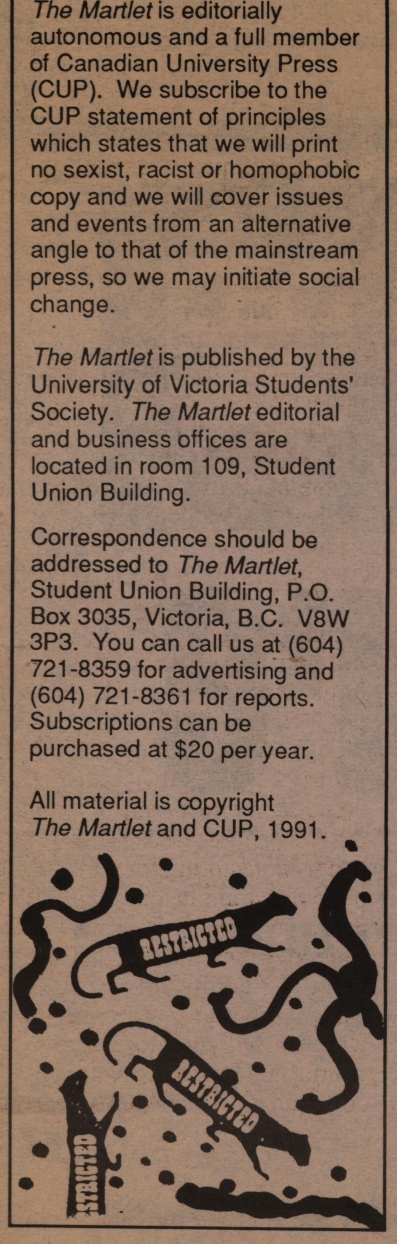


## Fuel tax feedback wanted

Editors:

The elimination of the B.C. Fuel Tax is a positive initiative worthy of full public debate.

Positive effects include:

1. More out-of-province tourists travelling throughout B.C.
2. Fewer B.C. residents going south to cross border shop which now amounts to $350 million annually
3. More commerce settling and doing business in B.C.
4. More B.C. residents staying in the province to travel and vacation
5. Lower transportation costs
6. A more even playing field with our U.S. counterparts
7. Eliminate the current disparity which permits those close to the border the opportunity to purchase cheap U.S. gas.

If oil companies in B.C. eliminated the silly coupon charade and offered a slight discount for cash as they do in the U.S. we could match and beat Americans head-on, open competition.

The total of all B.C. tax is 11.49 cents per litre which is greater than all U.S–Washington State tax of 11.32 cents.

How do we raise the equivalent loss of revenue in B.C.? There are a number of alternatives but a Sales Tax adjustment of 1 1/2% to 7 1/2% would more than replace the current Fuel Tax revenue and would compare favourably to Washington State's Sales Tax of 7.8%.

I am looking for public input on this vital subject. Please write me your views.

Cliff Michael
M.L.A. for Shuswap-Revelstoke

## Best asked to stay home

Editors:

I assume statements made by Ms. Jacquie Best, Director of Academics, in an open letter to Simon Fraser University's student newspaper "The Peak" were directed in part to statements made by myself. I will address the concerns of Ms. Best in the order presented in the letter.

1. The SFSS did hold a referendum on CFS membership in the Spring of 1990, but I (being the designated CFS representative for the SFSS) ran on a distinct campaign of holding another referendum during my term.

2. I believe the CFS is as Dan Coates paraphrased me as saying, "a bureaucratic behemoth." I believe the students of SFU do not want to waste their money on the CFS.

3. The statements made in the Peak about membership fees coming from the SFSS budget are incorrect and they are aware of this.

4. As I stated in the Peak the SFSS can use other sources, organizations, and people to do exactly what the CFS does. If Ms. Best is naive enough to believe the federal government would tax tuition, students of UVic should question her logic. The provincial government committees to which she refers will have effectively the same results as Royal Commissions, public forums, etc.... The reports will be unrepresentative, outdated, and useless. The SFSS has more resources for research and activities than the CFS, and can accomplish them more effectively.

I would like it if Ms. Best noted many of her statements refer to internal dynamics and decision making of the SFSS and her criticisms and suggestions should be kept to herself and the UVic Students' Society. I hope that Ms. Best and the rest of the UVic Board of Directors will now begin to serve and represent the students of UVic alone.

I hope from now on concerns about the SFSS will be directed to myself or other SFSS representatives. These statements are my own personal opinions.

Troy R. Wanner
External Relations Officer
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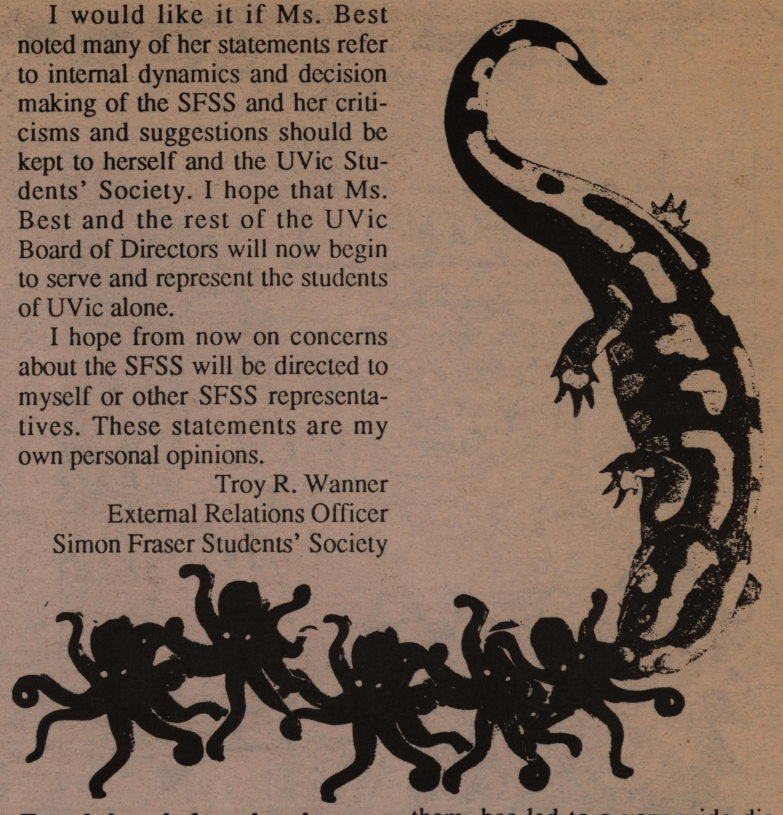

## Fearful wait for election

Editors:

If the truth were known the time has probably passed at which the Lieutenant-Governor would have been justified in dissolving the Legislature and forcing a provincial election.

Why do we flinch at the contemplation of such action? Not from the exercise of the Royal prerogative, for its comparatively recent use in Australia proved beneficial, or because we feel that the present Social Credit government should be given just one more chance. It is because there is no attractive alternative.

The unedifying behaviour of professional politicians at all levels of government, whose standards and expressions have been steadily absorbed by the more impressionable members of society, especially those who work closely with them, has led to a very wide distrust of candidates put forward by political parties and special interest groups.

Many worthy and talented people presently exclude themselves from service in the legislature because they are not prepared to ally themselves with an established and wealthy group. This is a defect in the existing electoral system, the correction of which lies in the hands of the electors by the election of independant candidates.

Electors should encourage the creation of a legislature with a sufficient leavening of truly independant and perceptive men and women who can demonstrate in public and in private a degree of competence and honesty which will effect a moderating influence on the activities of their "professional" colleagues.

Ralph Smith

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## JULY

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**WESTCOAST WOMEN'S NETWORK** is planning a reunion on October 30, 1991. We are asking for assistance in locating past members (since 1979) for our reunion mailing list. Please call Mary Nichols at 986-4263 or 985-1605 or write to 310- 1070 W.Broadway, Vancouver, V6H 1E7.

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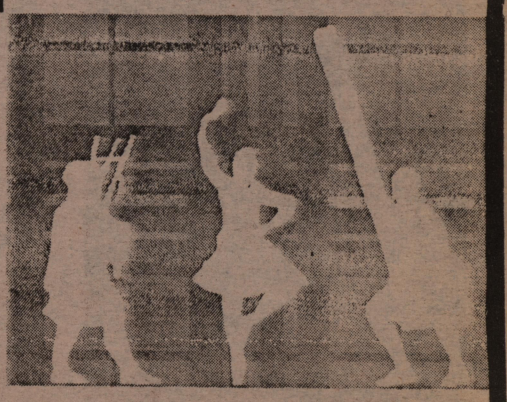

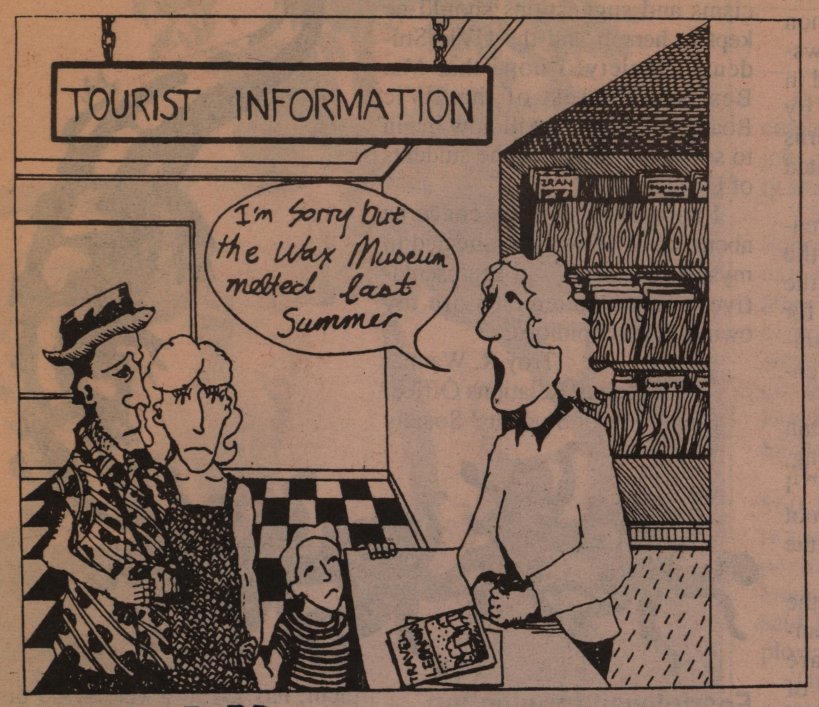

Rojer's Insides '91
inconclusive evidence has been cited in this week's shooting deaths of queen ivo.
By placing ourselves in this context, we must create a comfort. yes, a complacency. i must place your dinner party on hold.
pathology. the meaning of meaning. mean-ness. the mean.
where? now!
is it only 'cause you're lonely, mona lisa...
now. yes. now.
self-parody, self-referentiality... it could be faulty logic, but i need a concrete reason.
we shall carry the banner of Queen ivo to the ends of the realm. almost.
the beginning shows in-conclusion. until later.

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